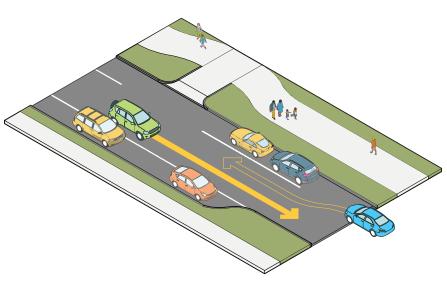
# Yield Street





#### **Purpose**

Calms traffic by reducing travel space for motor vehicles and may reduce cut-through volume.

#### **Description**

A two-way street with a "checkered" on-street parking pattern and single driving lane causing motor vehicle traffic to yield the right-of-way to oncoming vehicles, slowing overall motor vehicle speeds and possibly lowering volumes. Many streets in Hyattsville are today designed as yield streets.



#### **Safety Benefits**

- Reduced motor vehicle speeds as motorists must yield to other road users.
- Encourages cautious behavior.
- May reduce overall motor vehicle volume.

## **Applicable Street Types**

Local

## **Other Location Guidance**

 Typically used on residential streets where existing motor vehicle speeds and volumes are low.

## **Design Guidance and Considerations**

- Appropriate where on-street parking utilization is generally 40-60% or less.
- Street width should be sufficient so that motorists can easily understand and see the street without risk of head-on collision. This can be accomplished with signage indicating bidirectional traffic where bi-directional traffic is a new configuration.
- Street striping, lane markings, and signage are generally unnecessary, as street speed is self-enforcing. But see bi-directional note, above. This also means neighborhood yield streets lack designated crossing locations for pedestrians.

- Reduce conflicts at driveways by maintaining sidewalk grade and materials across the driveway.
- Curb bulb outs and buffers between parking and the sidewalk create opportunities for additional street furniture, street trees and other landscaping, and stormwater management.

#### **Expected Crash Reduction**

A crash reduction estimate is not available for this treatment.

#### **Systemic Safety Potential**

Generally applicable as a spot treatment.

## **Additional Information**

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